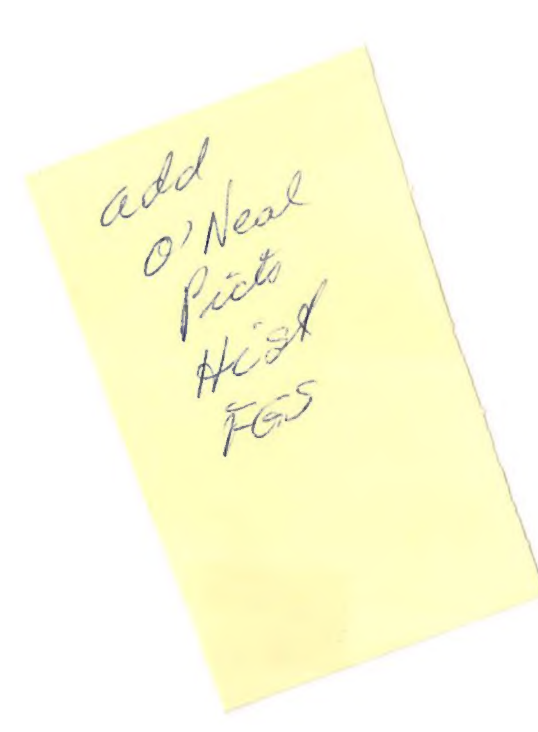




One of the most popular spots in early Midway was Mrs. Agnes O'Neil's Hotel and Restaurant. Shown here in front of the building in this 1897 photograph are, left to right, Samuel O'Neil, Ruth Rockwood O'Neil, Helen Ritchie, baby James Ritchie, Aunt Nannie O'Neil, Agnes Ritchie, Samuel Hair, Rachel Hair and Robert Hair.

Written January 20, 1917, by William Lindsay:

'Tis many a year since first we met
    To visit Nannie O'Neil
To celebrate her natal day
    And wish weh kind heart "weel"
We met a hearty welcome
    In her cheerful, kindly way
And many a happy time we've had
    With her the livelong day
Many of those who used to come
    Have passed away and gone.

